

ABAC meeting minutes for December 4, 2006

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Stephan Miller, Ron Sender, Christopher Tonkin, and Scott Smith. Joey Glushko, Kevin Davis, Jeremy Kate, Anka Schafer, Doug Greenfield, Brian Postelwaite, Bobby Mac, and Erna Green were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31.

We postponed the vote on the November minutes until the next meeting.

Report briefly on recent events. Jack gave us a report on MassBike's Bike Night party. About 125 people attended. Joey briefly gave us an update on the Mass. Bicycle Plan Update meeting. Most of the rest of the evening was spent discussing the Alewife Reservation Trail hearing. Jack and Joey attended this hearing and told us that there were about 100 other people there also. During the course of the meeting the Mystic Bikeway connection (from the Mystic River to the Minuteman) was discussed. This trail has been in the planning stage for 25 years. Jack told us the details of the proposed connection to the Minuteman. Joey traced out the entire route for us.

Jack thought that the plan still needs some work and is definitely evolving. Ron suggested that we take some kind of a stand on how and where the path should be built. Jack suggested that we endorse the idea of the path from Alewife to Henderson St. We discussed this proposal. Jack volunteered for the community committee that will look for a compromise on the route for the rest of the path.

*ACTION ITEM: We will send a memo to the ARB and the Selectmen endorsing the path in principle but expressing sympathy with the neighborhood's concerns. Jack and Joey will draft the memo. The committee will endorse the memo before it is sent. The proposal was passed unanimously.

Discuss plans for the 4th annual ABAC Winter Social. Date is Thursday February 15, 2007. Phil Goff is confirmed as the primary speaker. We received confirmation of our reservation for the Whittemore-Robbins House for that evening. Jack will show the short version of the video, "Enjoy The Ride."

Review Priority locations for new bike-parking racks in Arlington (related to MAPC's Municipal Bike Rack program). We can get racks at a discount and the Town will install them. We discussed a list of possible locations. Joey told us that we are shooting for about ten racks in the next year. We did a rough prioritization of the site list. Scott suggested we consult Phil Goff about the sidewalk clearance needed for the post and ring racks. Ron asked that we try and get the bike parking at Trader Joe's relocated to a more useful place. Joey suggested that we split the Town into three areas and explore the possible sites for new racks. The following groups were assigned. Bryan, Stephan, Scott will

survey East Arlington; Erna, Jack and Kevin will survey the Heights and Anka, Doug, Bobby and Ron will survey the Center.

In the open forum, we discussed the road hazards around Arlington that need to be repaired by the DPW.

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

*Denotes a vote was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller.